

§ 90-178.2. Definitions.

As used in this Article:

- (1) "Interconceptional care" includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Family planning;
 - b. Screening for cancer of the breast and reproductive tract; and
 - c. Screening for and management of minor infections of the reproductive organs;
- (2) "Intrapartum care" includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Attending women in uncomplicated labor;
 - b. Assisting with spontaneous delivery of infants in vertex presentation from 37 to 42 weeks gestation;
 - c. Performing amniotomy;
 - d. Administering local anesthesia;
 - e. Performing episiotomy and repair; and
 - f. Repairing lacerations associated with childbirth.
- (3) "Midwifery" means the act of providing prenatal, intrapartum, postpartum, newborn and interconceptional care. The term does not include the practice of medicine by a physician licensed to practice medicine when engaged in the practice of medicine as defined by law, the performance of medical acts by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner when performed in accordance with the rules of the North Carolina Medical Board, the practice of nursing by a registered nurse engaged in the practice of nursing as defined by law, or the rendering of childbirth assistance in an emergency situation.
- (4) "Newborn care" includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and maintain thermal stability;
 - b. Routine physical assessment including APGAR scoring;
 - c. Vitamin K administration; and
 - d. Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum.
- (5) "Postpartum care" includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Management of the normal third stage of labor;
 - b. Administration of pitocin and methergine after delivery of the infant when indicated; and
 - c. Six weeks postpartum evaluation exam and initiation of family planning.
- (6) "Prenatal care" includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Historical and physical assessment;
 - b. Obtaining and assessing the results of routine laboratory tests; and
 - c. Supervising the use of prenatal vitamins, folic acid, iron, and nonprescription medicines. (1983, c. 897, s. 1; 1995, c. 94, s. 30.)